

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL

IN THE

CITY OF CHICAGO,

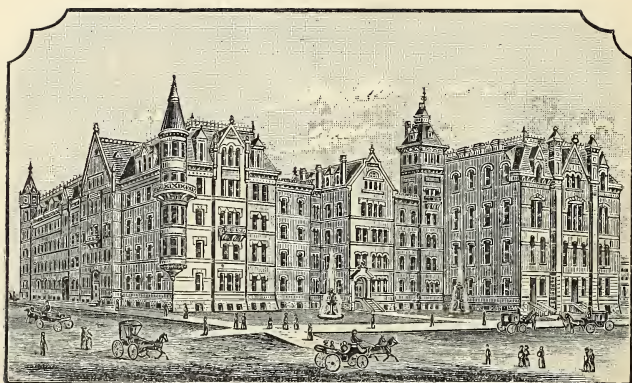
WITH THE

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND CHARTER.

ORGANIZED AND INCORPORATED, 1883.

1884.

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PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO.

(Corner of Wood and Congress streets.)

The above cut represents the Presbyterian Hospital building as it will be when entirely built. Two wings of this building, having a capacity for eighty beds, are now erected.

PROCEEDINGS
AT THE
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL, April 14, 1884.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Jacob Beidler was called to the chair.

Dr. R. C. Hamill opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Mr. Jacob Beidler, Mr. Geo. W. Hale, Mr. James M. Horton, Mr. Tuthill King, Mr. Henry Waller, Mr. C. H. McCormick, Mr. W. A. Douglass, Drs. J. P. Ross, R. C. Hamill and H. M. Lyman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports were received from the Executive Committee and the annual report of the Treasurer.

Upon motion, the Secretary was authorized to print in pamphlet form the articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws, with a full report of all that has been accomplished to date.

After the transaction of other business, adjourned to meet April 21, 1884, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and appoint a medical board.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
FOR 1884-5.

PRESIDENT:

S. M. MOORE.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

R. C. HAMILL.

TREASURER:

GEORGE W. HALE.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

CYRUS H. MCCORMICK.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS.

MANAGERS:

TUTHILL KING. ✓
WILLIAM BLAIR. ✓
ROBERT C. HAMILL. ✓ M.D.
NATHAN CORWITH. ✓
SAMUEL M. MOORE. ✓
HENRY W. KING. ✓
WILLIAM H. WELLS. ✓
HENRY WALLER. ✓
HENRY M. LYMAN. ✓
DANIEL K. PEARSONS. ✓
H. J. WILLING. ✓

JOHN B. DRAKE.
RICHARD T. CRANE. ✓
JACOB BEIDLER. ✓
JAMES M. HORTON. ✓
JOSEPH P. ROSS. ✓ M.D.
GEORGE W. HALE. ✓
CYRUS H. MCCORMICK. ✓
CHARLES M. HENDERSON. ✓
WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS.
W. H. MURRAY. ✓
THOS. KANE. ✓

MANAGERS EX-OFFICIO:

JOHN H. BARROWS, D.D. ✓
A. E. KITTREDGE, D.D. ✓

WILLIS G. CRAIG, D.D. ✓
REV. S. J. MCPHERSON ✓

HERRICK JOHNSON, D.D.

STANDING COMMITTEES

1884-5.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

RICHARD T. CRANE.
JACOB BEIDLER.
CYRUS H. MCCORMICK.
HENRY M. LYMAN.

ROBERT C. HAMILL.
GEORGE W. HALE.
JOSEPH P. ROSS.
WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

JAMES M. HORTON.
R. C. HAMILL.

RICHARD T. CRANE.
JOSEPH P. ROSS.
GEORGE W. HALE.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

WILLIAM A. DOUGLASS.

HENRY M. LYMAN.

ELECTING COMMITTEE:

CYRUS H. MCCORMICK.
S. J. MCPHERSON.

ROBERT C. HAMILL.
A. E. KITTREDGE.
JOHN H. BARROWS.

CLERICAL BOARD:

JOHN H. BARROWS, D.D.
A. E. KITTREDGE, D.D.

WILLIS G. CRAIG, D.D.
REV. S. J. MCPHERSON, D.D.
HERRICK JOHNSON, D.D.

MEDICAL BOARD.

Consulting Physicians :

J. ADAMS ALLEN, M.D. R. C. HAMILL, M.D.
CHARLES GILMAN SMITH, M.D.

Consulting Surgeons :

R. N. ISHAM, M.D. R. G. BOGUE, M.D.

Consulting Gynæcologist :

WILLIAM H. BYFORD, M.D.

Attending Physicians :

JOSEPH P. ROSS, M.D. H. M. LYMAN, M.D.
NORMAN BRIDGE, M.D.

Attending Surgeons :

MOSES GUNN, M.D. C. T. PARKES, M.D.
D. W. GRAHAM, M.D. E. W. WHITNEY, M.D.

Attending Ophthalmic and Aural Surgeons :

E. L. HOLMES, M.D. LYMAN WARE, M.D.

Attending Physicians for Diseases of Children, and Accoucheurs :

DE LASKIE MILLER, M.D. J. SUYDAM KNOX, M.D.

Attending Physicians for Skin Diseases :

J. NEVINS HYDE, M.D. R. D. MACARTHUR, M.D.

Attending Physician for Diseases of the Throat :

JOHN A. ROBISON, M.D.

Resident Physician :

E. P. DAVIS, M.D.

Curator :

Purveyor :

Matron :

FRENCH MOORE, M.D. JAMES A. STEWART. MRS. JAMES A. STEWART.



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Attending Gynæcologists :

JAMES H. ETHERIDGE, M.D.

H. P. MERRIMAN, M.D.

MEETING FOR THE ORGANIZATION
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL,
CHICAGO, December 13, 1883.

Pursuant to a call for a meeting of the gentlemen invited to act as managers of the Presbyterian Hospital, the following gentlemen were present: Henry W. King, William Blair, Henry Waller, Joseph P. Ross, R. C. Hamill, D. K. Pearsons, H. M. Lyman, Willis G. Craig, Geo. W. Hale, James M. Horton, Jacob Beidler and W. A. Douglass.

After a full discussion of the needs and opportunities for establishing another Protestant hospital in our city, and a unanimous agreement that such an institution should be founded, a permanent organization was effected and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Daniel K. Pearsons; Vice-President, Charles M. Henderson; Treasurer, George W. Hale; Corresponding Secretary, C. H. McCormick, Jr.; Recording Secretary, W. A. Douglass.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
FOR 1883-4.

PRESIDENT:

DANIEL K. PEARSONS. (F)

VICE-PRESIDENT:

C. M. HENDERSON.

TREASURER:

GEORGE W. HALE. (F)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

C. H. McCORMICK, JR.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

W. A. DOUGLASS.

MANAGERS:

TUTHILL KING.

R. C. HAMILL. (F)

JOHN B. DRAKE.

HENRY W. KING. (F)

HENRY M. LYMAN. (F)

C. H. McCORMICK, JR.

W. A. DOUGLASS. (F)

S. J. MCPHERSON.

DANIEL K. PEARSONS. (F)

JOHN H. BARROWS.

NATHAN CORWITH.

W. H. WELLS.

JAMES M. HORTON. (F)

JACOB BEIDLER. (F)

A. E. KITTREDGE.

R. T. CRANE.

WILLIAM BLAIR. (F)

C. M. HENDERSON.

SAMUEL M. MOORE.

HENRY WALLER. (F)

WILLIS G. CRAIG. (F)

JOSEPH P. ROSS. (F)

HERRICK JOHNSON.

CHARTER.

COPY OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. }

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

WHEREAS, a Certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the 21st day of July, A.D. 1883, for the organization of the PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, under and in accordance with the provisions of "*An Act concerning Corporations*," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, a copy of which Certificate is herewith attached :

Now, therefore, I, Henry D. Dement, Secretary of State, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify the said PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

IN WITNESS whereof, I hereto set my hand, and cause to be affixed the great Seal of State. Done at the City of Springfield, this Twenty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand and eight hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighth.



(Signed)

HENRY D. DEMENT,

Secretary of State.

COPY OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COOK COUNTY. }

WE, the undersigned, being Citizens of the United States desiring to form a Society, not for pecuniary profit, pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of Illinois, entitled "*An Act concerning Corporations*,"

approved April 18, 1872, do hereby certify that the following is a true statement of the name, or title, by which such society shall be known in law, the particular business and object for which it is formed, the number of its managers, and the names of the same selected for the first year of its existence, viz :

1. The name by which this Society shall be known shall be 'THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

2.. The object of the Society is the establishment, support and management of an institution for the purpose of affording surgical and medical aid and nursing to sick and disabled persons of every creed, nationality and color.

3. The officers of this Society shall be under the direction of a Board of twenty-eight Managers.

4. The number of the Managers of this Society shall be twenty-eight after the first year of its existence. The names of those selected as Managers for the first year are as follows: Tuthill King, Daniel K. Pearsons, William Blair, Robert C. Hamill, John H. Barrows, C. M. Henderson, John B. Drake, Nathan Corwith, Samuel M. Moore, Henry W. King, W. H. Wells, Henry Waller, Henry M. Lyman, James M. Horton, Willis G. Craig, Cyrus H. McCormick, Jacob Beidler, Joseph P. Ross.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

The name by which this Society shall be known shall be THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of the Society is the establishment, support and management of an institution for the purpose of affording medical and surgical aid and nursing to sick and disabled persons, and to provide them, while inmates of the Hospital, with the ministrations of the Gospel agreeably to the doctrine and forms of the Presbyterian church.

ARTICLE III.

THE SOCIETY.

The Society shall consist of members who shall respectively be approved by a majority of members of the Board of Managers present at a stated meeting, and who shall have been previously nominated by a standing committee appointed for that purpose by the Board of Managers.

Every member shall pay a sum of not less than ten dollars annually in advance to the Treasurer. Every person who shall pay a sum of one hundred dollars in advance, and shall be approved in the manner above stated, shall be a member of the Society for life without annual payment.

The Board of Managers may also fix some amount as an annual payment which shall entitle the giver to the use of a free bed in the Hospital and constitute him a member of the Society, to be approved of as above. And the same privileges shall be accorded on the same condition to any one who shall pay the principal of the said annual sum at one time.

ARTICLE IV.

PROPERTY.

All property of the Society, unless otherwise directed by the donor, shall be applied to advance the general objects of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

GOVERNMENT.

The affairs of the Society shall be under the direction of a Board of twenty-eight Managers, twenty-four of whom shall be divided into four classes of six each, and the places of the said classes shall be vacant respectively on the second Wednesday of April, at the end of one, two, three and four years thereafter, so that six Managers shall be elected by the said Board annually by ballot to hold their seats for four years. To these twenty-four Managers the pastors of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Presbyterian churches, and one member of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary of the Northwest, which member will be chosen by the Faculty of the said Seminary, all of the city of Chicago, and their successors in office for the time being shall, by virtue of their respective offices, be added as members of the Board of Managers.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary, who shall be elected annually by the said Board of Managers from their own number, and shall also be officers of the said Board. The said officers and the Managers together shall form a board to be denominated the "Board of Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of Chicago," not less than eleven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing officers, making or changing by-laws, or for holding any special meeting, but seven shall be a quorum for all other purposes and for stated meetings. The Board of Managers shall at all times be fully authorized to execute all powers of the Society over all the estate and property of the Society; to it shall be committed the care of the funds of the institution, authority to make by-laws, rules and regulations, and to alter and amend the same; to fill vacancies in their own body, choose the officers of the Society, appoint agents, assistants and attendants, and generally to transact the entire business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Managers shall hold stated monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month, and may hold adjourned meetings when necessary.

Special meetings of the Board and of the Society may be called by the President or, in case of his absence or inability to act, by the Vice-President, or on the requisition of five members of the Board of Managers; but when special meetings are called, the time and place of the meeting, and the subject proposed to be considered, will be notified to the members at least two days previous to the meeting, and no other subject shall be discussed or acted upon at such meetings unless there be at least eleven members present, and then only by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Society shall be held on the second Monday of April. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to make the necessary arrangements for this meeting; to present to the members a report of the proceedings of the previous year; to exhibit a full and accurate view of the state of the funds and property of the Society; and also to give information of any nature relating to the objects of the Society which may be of interest or importance. In case of failure to hold the annual meeting on the day specified, a special meeting shall be called for that purpose, and all officers and managers whose term of service may have expired by cause of such failure shall retain their places until their successors are elected.

At the stated meeting of the Board next preceding the annual meeting, six members shall be chosen by ballot from among the members of the Society to supply the places of the class of Managers whose term of service is about to expire, and who may be re-elected. These six members, together with those composing the three other classes and the five *ex-officio* members of the Board, shall constitute the Board of Managers for the ensuing year, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected. In case of failure to make such elections on the appointed day, a special meeting of the Board shall be called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII.

BOARD OF CLERGYMEN.

The Society shall appoint a Clerical Board, consisting of the five clerical *ex-officio* members of the Board, to whom shall be committed all matters relating to the spiritual and religious ministrations of the Hospital; no measures relating to these matters shall be adopted without the sanction and approbation of the said Board. The President of the

Board of Managers, or in case of his absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall be notified of the meetings of the Clerical Board, and when present shall preside and vote at such meetings. It shall be the duty of the superintendent and chaplain, when requested, to attend these meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendments of the constitution shall be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Board of Managers, and may be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, and shall be adopted only in a concurrence of a majority of the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

I. OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President of the Society shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Managers. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, he shall appoint all committees which do not consist of more than three members, subject to approval by the Board. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, directed by the Board of Managers, and shall call special meetings of the Board agreeably to the Constitution, whenever, in his opinion, the business of the Society requires it, or when requested so to do on the written application of five Managers. But when special meetings are so called, he shall direct the Secretary to insert, in the notices sent to the members, the import of the business to come before them, as provided for in Article VI of the Constitution, and such notices shall be served at least two days previous to that appointed for the meeting.

II. OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

In case of the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall possess his power and perform his duties; and in the absence of both President and Vice-President, the Managers present at any meeting shall appoint one of their number to preside.

III. OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all bonds, titles, deeds, and other papers and documents relating to the property of the Corporation, and of all moneys belonging thereto. He shall open an account with one of the banks in the city of Chicago, to be approved by the Board in the name of this Corporation, and shall deposit all moneys in such bank immediately upon his receiving them. He shall keep a proper check

and account book, showing the amount of funds in his hands, which shall at all suitable times be open to the inspection of the Managers. At each stated meeting he shall present an account, or abstract thereof, showing the state of the treasury. He shall pay all orders which shall be drawn upon him in the manner hereinafter prescribed. He shall execute such resolutions as shall be adopted by the Committee of Finance relative to the investment of funds. He shall prepare and lay before the members of the Society, at their annual meeting, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, of the funds of the Society, and of the manner in which the same are invested.

IV. OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Managers. He shall countersign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer in pursuance of the resolution of the Board. He shall preserve all records and papers which do not belong to the office of the Treasurer. He shall notify the members of every stated meeting of the Board of Managers by notice addressed to them through the post-office, at least two days before the meeting, and shall give similar notice of the meetings of the Society by notice addressed to the members at their last known place of residence, or by publication in a daily city paper for at least two days preceding such meeting, which publication shall be deemed a proper notice. He shall also cause notice to be given to the Chairman of each Committee with the names of the members thereof, and the object for which they may be appointed.

V. OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence of the Board, and make such communications in relation to it as may be directed by the Managers.

VI. ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The Managers shall elect, at their first stated meeting in the month of April, a Committee of Finance, to consist of five members, of whom the Treasurer shall be one; an Executive Committee of eight members, of whom the President shall be one, and three of whom shall form a quorum; an Auditing Committee of two members, and an Electing Committee of five members. These committees shall hold office during the year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. The Committee of Finance, the Executive Committee and the Electing Committee shall respectively keep minutes of their proceedings, which shall be read at the stated meetings of the Board.

VII. OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance to adopt proper means of augmenting the subscriptions and benefactions, to circulate information respecting the Hospital, to see that the subscriptions are duly received, and to direct the Treasurer in investing the funds. But all investments must have been previously submitted to the Board of Managers by the committee and approved by the Board, and shall be made only in the public stocks of the United States of America, in those of the State of Illinois, or County of Cook, or of the City of Chicago; or loaned on bond and mortgage on unincumbered productive real estate in the City of Chicago, the estimated value of which shall be thrice the amount loaned.

VIII. OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take more immediate charge of the affairs of the Hospital during the intermissions of the stated meetings of the Managers. They shall hold their meetings at such times and generally perform such duties as the Board shall commit to them. The Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Committee, and keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Board at its stated meetings, and approved by it.

IX. OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The office of the Auditing Committee shall be to examine and report to the Board all accounts against the Society, and also to examine the Treasurer's account at the close of each year, prior to the annual meeting.

X. OF THE ELECTING COMMITTEE.

The office of the Electing Committee is to elect persons to be members of the Society, on their complying with the terms prescribed by the Constitution and By-laws. The Committee shall be subject to the following regulations: Four members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. A candidate shall be elected if a majority of the members present vote in his favor. No election shall be valid unless the candidate shall have been proposed at a previous meeting of the Board of Managers, and the nomination referred by it to the said Committee. Twenty-four hours' notice shall be given of every meeting of the Committee.

XI. STATED MEETINGS OF THE MANAGERS.

The stated meetings of the Board of Managers shall be on the third Monday, at 12 M., of each month, or at such hours as they shall order.

XII. APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY.

All appropriations of money shall be made by resolution of the Board, and entered on its minutes. Orders for the amounts appropriated shall then be drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President, and countersigned by the Secretary ; or, if he be absent, by the Secretary *pro tem.* ; which orders, with the receipts of the person in whose favor they are drawn endorsed thereon, shall be the Treasurer's vouchers for payments made by him.

XIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business shall be as follows :

1. The President shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting of the Board, or as soon thereafter as a quorum shall appear, and the meeting shall be opened with prayer.
2. The roll shall then be called and the attending members noted.
3. The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, corrected if necessary, and approved.
4. Communications to the Board shall be received and considered.
5. Reports of the committees shall be called, and order be taken thereon.
6. The unfinished business of the former meetings, if any, shall be taken up ; after which any business may be proceeded with at the pleasure of the Board.

XIV. ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS.

No alterations, or additions, to these By-laws shall be made but under the same rules as prescribed in Article IX of the Constitution in relation to amendments of the Constitution.

FREE BEDS AND MEMBERS.

A donation of five thousand dollars entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

A donation of three thousand dollars entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for life of donor.

A donation of three hundred dollars annually will support one free bed.

A donation of one hundred dollars or more constitutes the donor a life member of the institution.

A yearly donation of ten dollars constitutes an annual member.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

In compliance with a requirement of the Constitution, and a vote of the Board of Managers, the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital now present to its members and the public its first annual report.

In view of the fact that the Managers have met with so much encouragement in the establishment of the institution, it is proper we should give its history from its inception to the present.

It had long been a patent fact that a great necessity exists for another hospital in our city. Each year, in our city, hundreds of people of the better class are stricken with disease and injury, and they seek in vain for suitable hospital accommodations. Some are living in unhealthy homes, and others in hotels and boarding-houses, where they receive only indifferent care at the hand of strangers. The only general Protestant hospital in our city, St. Luke's, is trying to meet this want, but can accommodate only a small part of those who apply for hospital treatment and care. Of the 1,749 beds in the hospitals in our city, less than one hundred are controlled and managed by Protestant religious organizations, the remainder being under the control of Roman Catholic, Jewish and civic organizations. What a showing for the orthodox denominations in this city of 650,000 people, soon to become a million!

These facts so impressed the mind of a member of this Board, that he determined to secure the establishment of another hospital under Protestant management. Accordingly he proposed to a member of the First Presbyterian church, of this city (Mr. Tuthill King), that in case the latter would donate \$10,000 toward a building fund for such an hospital, he would secure an eligible plat of ground and devise means for the erection of a hospital building. The proposition was accepted and the money placed in trust with the trustees of Rush Medical College, with the condition that the donor should have the right to one free bed in perpetuity in the hospital.

Arrangements were immediately consummated for the erection of a hospital building, and its construction commenced.

In the meantime, in consonance with the original design of having the hospital under the control of some religious organization, an effort was made to interest the Presbyterian denomination in hospital work. The following letter was addressed to such gentlemen in the city as were known to be philanthropic, and would probably sympathize in its objects:

CHICAGO, July 2, 1883.

DEAR SIR: The city of Chicago has several general hospitals as well as others devoted to the treatment of special forms of disease, but by comparison with other cities it will be found that our hospital accommodations are very meagre in proportion to our population and the number of sick among us. The city of Boston has a greater capacity for a larger number of patients in two of her hospitals than we have in all ours combined, not mentioning her other hospital accommodations. According to their respective populations, New York and Philadelphia are far ahead of our city in caring for their sick who are homeless.

Our city contains several hospitals under the control of religious denominations. Among these we mention Mercy Hospital, St. Joseph's and the Alexian Brothers' (Catholic), Michael Reese (Jewish) and the St. Luke's (Episcopalian), but the large and powerful Presbyterian denomination has no institution of this kind under her care. Her members have been very liberal in assisting other associations, but she has not followed the beneficent example of other denominations by establishing and maintaining an hospital of her own, as has been done in some of the eastern cities.

It is for the furtherance of this purpose that application is now made to you, as well as to others, to join as a Manager in establishing a Presbyterian Hospital in this city. The names of the gentlemen who are invited to act with you, the draft of a constitution under which such an institution might be formed, you will find enclosed. The constitution is merely intended to represent what may be found desirable.

As soon as the gentlemen to whom this circular letter is addressed have signified their willingness to act as Managers of the Hospital, a meeting will be called to effect an organization; and as no special powers or privileges are expected, an organization may be made under the state law which provides for the chartering of such institutions.

Should such an organization be effected, I am authorized to state that a plat of ground in the city, and a building thereon suitable for the accommodation of a limited number of patients, will be made over to the Managers as soon as practicable.

May I respectfully ask that you will inform me, as soon as convenient, whether you will allow your name to be used as one of the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital?

I remain, dear sir, very sincerely yours,

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Encouraging replies were received, and a charter for the Hospital secured. The first meeting of the gentlemen asked to act as managers occurred at the Grand Pacific Hotel, December 13, 1883. All those present were agreed as to the urgent necessity existing for such an hospital, and organization was immediately effected. It was decided to take immediate steps to secure a hospital building.

The member of the Board who inaugurated the enterprise secured a proposition from the trustees of Rush Medical College to convey by deed to the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital certain ground on part of which was in process of erection an hospital building, built by the trust fund before mentioned and other moneys; together with the hospital building, upon which they were to expend \$25,000, in case the Managers of the Presbyterian Hospital would agree to finish, furnish and maintain the same as an hospital. At a subsequent meeting this proposition was accepted, and a deed to the ground and building on which \$25,000 had been expended, was made to the Managers. It was ordered to proceed at once and secure funds sufficient to finish the building. Plans for a modern and improved hospital, containing three hundred beds, were adopted. The present building forms two wings of the proposed Hospital, and the wings are so arranged as to constitute the rear portion of the entire Hospital, the main building fronting on West Congress street. The building now erected will contain eighty beds.

The Board of Managers have pushed forward the work of completing the present building, and it is now ready for occupation.

Having effected an organization of the Presbyterian Hospital Society, and secured valuable property, the Managers enlisted the coöperation of the different Presbyterian churches in the city in forwarding the good work. At a meeting of the Presbyterian Social Union in February, 1884, the progress and needs of the enterprise were eloquently discussed, and much enthusiasm in its favor manifested. Several pastors have delivered sermons with special reference to this work, and the ladies of the several congregations have organized a Ladies' Aid, and are rendering efficient aid in furnishing the hospital building.

Need it be said that this Christian enterprise will require a large amount of funds? Do not all know that a great deal of money will be needed to erect other buildings and to endow the Hospital? This must be raised by those who sympathize with so noble a charity. In contributing to such an enterprise you will "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." And he who contributes but his mite will rejoice in the fact that he thus is able to alleviate human suffering, and follows the example of the Great Physician, who always heeded the cry of the sick. Thus will all realize the truth of the Holy Writ which says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But waiving all generalizations, let us submit a few facts to show how much has been done in our city to relieve human suffering, and what remains to be done.

Our medical dispensaries are better equipped to treat the class of patients which swarm to them than are our hospitals. It is estimated that 50,000

patients are treated annually at these dispensaries and by their visiting physicians. But in all our hospitals only about 4,000 patients can be accommodated annually. The hospitals are fewer in number and the demands for hospital care are so peculiar that they may not generally be understood without a word of explanation. In Europe, medical and surgical cases are more frequently received and attended in hospitals than in this country. The advantages of hospital care are more fully appreciated abroad than here. No extensive hospital arrangements have as yet been made for our *resident population*, because a majority of our sick and injured receive treatment at their homes, at their own expense. But the demands for hospital accommodations for our resident population are yearly increasing. The population of Chicago by foreigners who have been used to hospital service is annually increasing, and that very rapidly. The number of transient residents, who live in hotels and boarding-houses, is growing larger, and these facts demonstrate the necessity for improved hospital facilities, to conform with the altered conditions of our city's population.

Again, the increase of our population during the last year is estimated at 45,000. The indications are, that the annual increase of our city in population, wealth and commercial importance will continue. It will not be many years before we can count a million souls, and the metropolitan character of our city will increase the demand for more hospitals. Now is the opportune time for founding charitable enterprises, because such institutions always keep pace in prosperity with the growth and wealth of the cities in which they are located. We predict that in a few years the Presbyterian Hospital will be an honor not only to our city, but to the Presbyterians, and other religious denominations of the entire Northwest.

It is not intended to make this Hospital a merely local charity. It opens its doors to the sick and suffering of the great West. As Chicago is a great commercial center, so we hope to have our Hospital regarded as a Bethesda of healing to which all may come, and with God's blessing receive health and strength. Therefore we appeal for the support of the charitable and philanthropic of the West.

No reference has yet been made to the fact that the West-side of Chicago has no hospital in which prompt medical or surgical succor can be secured, except the Cook County Hospital, which, as all know, is for the benefit of the pauper poor. The North side has the Alexian Brothers' and St. Joseph's Hospitals, the South side has the Mercy, St. Luke's, and Michael Reese Hospitals, but the Presbyterian Hospital is the first hospital of a high order for all that portion of the city which contains nearly half of the city's population. While it is not the

intention to make the Hospital a sectional institution; it enhances its beneficial influence to be located in a portion of the city in which there is a dearth of hospital privileges.

Let the necessity of such a hospital be fully impressed on our citizens, and their known liberality to deserving objects justifies the belief that one which so strongly appeals to their justice, their piety and humanity will commend itself to their favor. Whatever may be thought of other forms of charity, there can be but one opinion in regard to this. It occupies no debatable ground, nor can it be abused, for it will be available to none unless their condition calls for treatment. Whoever may be neglected, the indigent, sick, and victims of accident, should not be. When such are within our reach, whether prostrated by casualty or disease, their relief is our first and imperative duty. Having the ability and opportunity to help them, we cannot escape the obligation without incurring the Divine displeasure. In such a charity, our ability is the measure of our duty. The dictates of Revelation, not less than the moral law of our constitution, demand this at our hands.

In an imperfect manner we have presented our claims. We are encouraged by the success we have already attained, and believe the future is full of promise. Our faith in the enterprise is unbounded, and it needs no argument to convince all that the fruit from such a noble undertaking is good fruit. Its benefits are lasting and universal.

In conclusion, we may remark that this enterprise embraces all the churches in the city who acknowledge Presbyterian polity and doctrine, no matter what the minor differences in the church government. Besides the conventional Presbyterian churches, the United Presbyterian, the Welsh, the Reformed Dutch, and others, are interested in this great work. For no other work can such broad grounds for appeal to the different churches be taken, as regards unity of faith, and love for such work, irrespective of minor differences. This inspires the hope and trust that there will be a like union of spirit and effort for this preëminently Christian undertaking, in which all have a common interest. We close with a strong and earnest appeal to all the friends and sympathizers in this cause that they will hold up our hands in this work.

Donations for this object may be sent to George W. Hale, Treasurer, 470 Washington Boulevard, Chicago. Any one wishing further information in regard to this enterprise can consult the Treasurer, or any of the Managers, who will be happy to enlighten all as to its claims and merits.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "THE LADIES' AID OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF CHICAGO." Any person making an annual contribution of one dollar shall thereby become a member of the Association.

Its officers shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer and a Secretary.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be the object of this Association to aid the Presbyterian Hospital in whatever way its help may be needed, viz., by securing funds for its work, supplies of bedding, clothing, lint, bandages, articles of extra diet, books, magazines, and any other necessary or useful articles, subject always to the direction of the Board of Managers and Medical Board. It shall be the duty, also, of the Association to awaken and maintain, as far as possible, the interest of all Presbyterian churches in the city of Chicago and its vicinity in behalf of the Hospital, inviting their coöperation and aiding them to secure its benefits.

ARTICLE III.

The business of the Association shall be conducted by standing committees, each having charge of its own specific object. Such committees may be organized at any stated meeting, and may be selected from any Presbyterian church contributing to the support of the Hospital. These standing committees shall hold a joint meeting on the first Monday of every month, at 10 A.M., and shall unitedly constitute a Board of Lady Managers for the Association. Each committee shall report its work to the Board at its stated meetings.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid shall be held on the first Monday of November, when an election shall be held for officers and for an Executive Committee to serve for the ensuing year. Vacancies occurring among the officers may be filled at any stated meeting. The President of the Board of Managers shall preside at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be an Executive Committee, to consist of eleven ladies. This committee shall visit the Hospital at stated periods and keep itself informed as to its needs. It shall have a general supervision of the work of the Association, and shall recommend new work and the appointment of new committees, as the necessity for them may arise. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, notice of said amendment being given at the previous monthly meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I.

There shall be five standing committees—*i. e.*, Furnishing Committee, Visiting Committee, Library Committee, Committee on Delicacies, Conference Committee.

II.

The Furnishing Committee shall consist of members who shall have charge of all matters connected with the supply of bedding, clothing, lint, bandages, etc., as provided in the second article of the Constitution. It shall divide its work among the sub-committees at its own discretion, enlarging the committee as circumstances may require. This committee shall acknowledge to the donors all contributions received by them or sent directly to the hospital. This committee is to be appointed by the Executive Board at the annual meeting.

III.

The Committee on Delicacies shall have charge of articles of extra diet, subject to the Board of Managers and the Medical Board.

IV.

The Library Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Executive Board, and shall have charge of all matters connected with the supply of books, magazines and papers to the Hospital, advising with the Clerical Committee. It shall acknowledge all donations of books, magazines and papers.

V.

The Treasurer shall disburse all money coming into her hands, subject to the action of the board.

VI.

It shall be the duty of all the members of the Board of Managers to attend the monthly meetings, and an absence of three months without written communication shall be deemed a resignation of the office.

VII.

These By-Laws may be amended at any stated meeting, a majority of the members being present.

Individual membership is secured by the payment of \$1.

Honorary membership, \$5.

A church or private enterprise may have control of a bed one year for \$300.

For the sum of \$3,000 a person may control a bed for the lifetime of the donor.

For the sum of \$5,000, in perpetuity.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of Scriptures.
2. Prayer.
3. Business of previous meeting.
4. Report of Executive Committee.
5. Report of Furnishing Committee.
6. Report of Library Committee.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Adjournment.

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